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Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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30/03/2007: Look for Ruben, 4Z5FI/m on March 30th as he goes mobile to Eilat (from F-27-BS to F-42-BS). He will try again to activate the following areas in the BS region: C-31, 32, 33; D-31, 33, 34, 35; and E- 35, 36, 37, 38. The order of the areas are according to the map ! The operation will start around 07:00/ 07:30 utc for about 3 hours. The frequency, as usual 14265 khz. On March 31st, in the evening, Ruben wants to try on road N*40, but he does not know how many squares he will be able to give out. QSL via home call. [Tnx 4X4JU]

30/03/2007: The Radio Club Ushuaia crew will be QRV as AY7X from 2200z March 30th to 1200z April 2nd from Redonda Island (SA-049, WW Loc. FD55UE). Isla Redonda qualifies for "GACW Five Argentine Islands" award with #ARXP6. Activity will be on SSB, CW, PSK and RTTY as follows: CW - 3.530, 7.030, 14.040, 21.040 and 28.040 MHz; SSB - 3.670, 3.765, 7.045, 14.260, 21.260 and 28.560 MHz; PSK - 3.620, 7.040, 14.070, 21.070 and 28.110 MHz; RTTY - 3,620, 7,040, 14,080, 21,080 and 28,120 MHz. QSL via WD9EWK (Patrick Stoddard, 4031 E. Aster Drive, Phoenix AZ 85032-7417 USA). Post Mail to: Radio Club Ushuaia, Polideportivo Municipal, Pasaje Jorge Vrsalovic S/N 9410 USHUAIA - Tierra del Fuego. Radio Club Ushuaia award program at: www.geocities.com/rcushu/ [Tnx LU6EF]

30/03/2007: WAB awards activities - John M0JDK will be mobile on a canal boat from around 0900z March 30th until April 15th from Warwickshire up to Liverpool and Manchester. This is primarily a Holiday. He will be on 80m, 40m, 2m and 5Mhz as and when. QSL via QRZ.com. [Tnx F5NQL]

30/03/2007: A team of Belgian operators will be QRV March 30th to April 1st as ON7G from the Castle d'Ghellinck (OV-032 for the Belgian Castles Award, WW Loc. JO10ST, Zip Code 9790). Activity will be on 80-10 metre SSB, CW and also 2m FM and SSB. QSL via ON4MRX direct, bureau or eQSL. [Tnx F5NQL]

30/03/2007: Tomy/UA3MQM, Dmitry/RA3MF, Harry/UA3MKT and Sveta/UA3MQL will be active March 30th to April 2nd as RK3MWL/p from District YR-28 (Yaroslavsky), Yaroslavskaya oblast (YR). QSL via RK3MWL, direct or bureau. [Tnx RX3RC]

30/03/2007: Glen, W5IF is currently active as V31IF from Belize until April 4th. He is QRV on all bands 160-10 metres with SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL info is via QRZ.com or W5IF. [Tnx NG3K]

31/03/2007: Look for Fran?ois/F5JNE and Claude/F5MCC to be active March 31st as homecall/p from the Castle of La Motte (DFCF 10-021), canton [county] of Bar sur Seine (DDCF 10-04), City of Rumilly les Vaudes (CP 10260). Department Aube (DDFM 10), Province of Champagne Ardennes (DPF 08). Activity will be on 80 and 40 metre CW and SSB, starting around 0600z. QSL via home calls, bureau preferred and SWL cards are welcome. [Tnx F5NQL]

31/03/2007: Claude, F6AEW/p will be QRV March 31st from the Castle of Chevrolliere (DFCF 53-106), located in the City of Ampoigne (CP 53200),

Department Mayenne (DDFM 53), Province of Pays-de-Loire (DPF 17). Look for activity on 80 and 40 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

31/03/2007: Look for Frank, K3TRM/6Y5 to be vacationing in Lucea, Jamaica (NA-097, also count for WLOTA LH-0214), March 31st to April 9th. Activity is planned for 80-10 metre SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and possibly some CW. Request for special permission to operate 60M is being considered. QSL direct to home call, with SASE (Frank Aiello, 7600 Burnt Tree Drive, Manassas, VA 20111 USA). DX stations can send cards through the bureau. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

01/04/2007: Kunio Saito, JA8VE will be working in Bhutan from April 2007 through March 2009. He will operate as A52VE on all bands SSB, digital modes and some CW, with 100 watts, inverted V or dipole and maybe a Spider beam. QSL via JF1OCQ (QRZ.com). [Tnx 425 DX News]

01/04/2007: Eric, F5RGY/p will be QRV April 1st from two French summits for the Summits On The Air Award (SOTA). He plans to activate Le Grand Piton (SOTA F/AB-485, 1379m, 2 points, WW Loc. JN36BC) starting around 0830 UTC, followed by Montagne de Vuache summit (SOTA F/AB-506, 1105m, 2 points, WW Loc. JN26XB), starting around 1000 UTC. Activity will be on 40m CW, 7.032 MHz only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

01/04/2007: Laurent, F8BBL/p will be QRV April 1st from For?t de Vieillecourt summit (SOTA F/SO-001, 475m, 1 point, WW Loc. JN05MN). Look for activity on 7.032, 10.118 and 14.060 MHz CW only, starting around 0700 UTC. He will be running 5 watts to dipole and walkabout antenna. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

01/04/2007: Les, F/G3VQO/p will be QRV April 1st from two French summits for the Summits On The Air Award (SOTA). He plans to activate Mont des Gr?veleux summit (SOTA F/NO-027, 208m, 1 point, WW Loc. JO00VP) starting around 0730 UTC, followed by Mont Le Communale summit (SOTA F/NO-026, 210m, 1 point, WW Loc. JO00XR), starting around 1000 UTC. Activity will be on 40m and 80m CW/SSB, 30/CW and 2m SSB/FM. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

01/04/2007: Alain/F6ENO, Ghislain/F6CEL and Andr?/F5AKL will activate two French Summits April 1st as homecall/p - La Longue Roche (SOTA F/NO-14, 376m, 1 point, WW Loc. JN29IV) and Sommet de Ch?teau Regnault (SOTA F/NO-008 396m, 1 point, WW Loc. JN29JU). Both summits are located in the Nord Ouest region, Department Ardennes (DDFM 08), Province of Champagne-Ardennes (DPF 08). Activity will start around 0800z on 7.032 and 10.116 MHz CW and 145.500 MHz FM. QSL via the operator's home call, direct or via the REF bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

01/04/2007: Look for Bill, WB5ZAM to be signing J68WI from Villa Beach Cottages, Choc Bay, St. Lucia (NA-108, also count for lighthouse WLOTA LH-0718) April 1-13th. Activity will be on SSB and CW, with focus on 30 and possibly 40 metres. He will use a G5RV with his HF gear and bring along his keyer and headset/mike. QSL via home call. [Tnx NG3K]

01/04/2007: Jim, VQ9JC who left Diego Garcia (AF-006) heading home for four months on December 5, 2006, will be back on the island serving as a radio officer for another four months starting in April. Jim logged about 26.000 QSOs (including 85% in CW) during the first eight months of his stay. He answered all direct and bureau QSLs while being back home. His XYL collects all the mail coming to his homecall ND9M. [Tnx DXNL]

02/04/2007: WAB awards activities - Tom, G0JRT will be mobile in Scotland on April 2nd from around 0900z until April 6th but may run into Saturday. He will be on 3.760 possibly or 7.060 depending on conditions. QSL via QRZ.com. [Tnx F5NQL]

02/04/2007: Gerald, G4OIG/p plans to activate several summits in the Scottish Borders region on April 2nd. This operation is weather dependent and he is not sure if he will activate G/SB-001 (The Cheviot) one day; G/SB-004 and G/SB-005 another. Watch for posts on DX Summit. Activity will be on 7-cw, 5-ssb and 144.333-ssb. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

02/04/2007: TI1DX will be the call sign of an activity in a height of about 3000m from the highest mountain of Costa Rica the Cerro de Meurte. They will be QRV on 80-6m and 5.403,5 MHz (60m) from April 2-7th. QSL via TI8AA. [Tnx DXNL]

02/04/2007: Operators Eric ON4LN (TZ2T), Ivo ON5CD (TZ1T), Stefaan ON4FG (TZ4T) and Bart ON3VK (TBA) will be QRV from Bamako (WW Loc. IK62AO), Mali, April 2-7th. They will activate some prefixes that were never issued before. Activity will be on 160m to 10m in SSB, CW and digital modes (RTTY, BPSK31, etc.) with at least 2 stations on the air simultaneously. Bands and mode will largely depend on the propagation. The aim is to activate the low and WARC bands, CW and digital modes as often as possible. QSL direct to ON4LN for all calls, or via bureau to home calls. Further information can be found on their web site at: mali2007.obox.be/ [Tnx ON4FG/TZ4T]

02/04/2007: Nando/IT9YRE (V63RE), Claudio/I1SNW (V63WN) and Mike/K9AJ (V63J) will be active from Micronesia, April 2-19th. Plans are to operate SSB and CW from Ngulu Atoll (OC-180) for 36 hours, from Sorol Atoll (OC-277, new one) for three days and from Woleai Atoll (OC-132) for another three days. QSL via home calls. The expedition (website at www.mdxc.org/v63) is dedicated to the memory of the late Gianni Rizzi, I7RIZ. [Tnx 425 DX News]

04/04/2007: Hrane/YT1AD with team: Krassimir/K1LZ, David/K3LP, Doug/N6TQS, Harry/RA3AUU, Roman/UR0MC, Eugene/RK3AD, Alekcej/UA4HOX, Viktor/RU4SU, Vangelis/SV2BFN, Alan/K6SRZ, Stevan/YZ7AA, Mladen/YU7NU, Vel/YZ1BX, Mil/YU1AU and potential members of team: Srecko/YU1DX and Dragan/YZ1EW, will be active during the DXpedition to Swains Island (OC-200) and Samoa Islands (OC-097), between March 29 to April 24. The team will stay on Swains Island 10 days and will operate with 6 stations at the same time. Their schedules is as follows: N8S, Swains Island, April 4-15th; and 5W5AA plus other calls from the Samoa Islands, April 17-24th. QSL N8S via YT1AD, direct or bureau. QSL 5W5AA via YZ7AA, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at ww.yt1ad.info/n8s/index.html [Tnx F5NQL]

05/04/2007: Look for operators Filip/ON4AEO, Kath/ON7BK, Danie/ZS6VWD and Elize/ZS6EMH to be QRV from Swaziland as 3DA0FC, April 5-9th. Activity will be on the HF bands, CW and SSB. QSL via ON4CJK, direct (Jos? Duyck, Molenakker 56, 8740 Egem, Belgium) or by the bureau. Further information can be found at www.3da0fc.be/ and www.filipstattooshop.be/swaziland [Tnx NG3K]

05/04/2007: Mart, DL6UAA will be active again as 3B8MM from Mauritius Island (AF-049) starting April 5th, for a few weeks. He will operate mostly CW, but will also give SSTV a try (14230 kHz). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425 DX News]

05/04/2007: ZS1RA, ZS1ZL, ZS1APB, ZS1ROY and ZS1FJ will be active from Lesotho between April 5-12th. They will operate (requested call sign 7P8DX) from the north border escarpment of the Drakensburg Range (3,000 metres a.s.l.). Plans are to operate with yagis, V-beams and hopefully three

stations on the air at the same time. [Tnx 425 DX News]

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LOOKING AHEAD

30/04/2007: Fran?ois, F5JNE will stay at his son's for about two weeks, starting April 30th, on Belle ?le en Mer Island - References: EU-048/IOTA, AT-015/French Metropolitan Islands award/DIFM, O-08 for the Morbihan Department Islands award and also Lighthouse LH-0872 (WLOTA). Look for him on evenings, HF bands, mainly CW. During this stay, he has scheduled to go, with Max/F5IRH, tide, wind and sea permitting to - May 1st: Les Grands Cardinaux Island - EU-048, AT-096, and also 0-27 for the Morbihan Islands Award/DIM. This island counts also for the Lighthouses programs as: PB10 (DPLF), LH-0126 (WLOTA), FRA-017 (ARLHS) and F-026 (TWLHF); May 5th he will go to the ?le aux Chevaux (Horses island), EU-048, AT-109, and also 0-24he for the Morbihan Islands Award/DIM. They will be active as homecall/p on 80 and 40 metres, may be other bands, CW and SSB. QSL via home calls, direct or by the bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

24/05/2007: Eric, K9GY will return to Nassau, New Providence Island (NA-001, WLOTA LH-1115), Bahamas (Grid FL15) as C6AYM for the 2007 CQ WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th). He plans to operate 80m-10m in the contest. Also he will have 6m and 2m outside the contest. QSL via K9GY. [Tnx NG3K]

26/05/2007: Nick/SV3SJ and Patrick/F6IRF will be signing CN5W from the "Dar Bouazza Contest Group" (CN8MC) club station in Rabat, Morocco, during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th), as a Multi-Single entry. QSL is via LoTW. Further information can be found at: cn2ww.blogspot.com/ [Tnx NG3K]

26/05/2007: Alfredo, WP3C will be active during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via W3HNK, direct preferred but bureau ok. [Tnx NG3K]

26/05/2007: John/K6AM, Joe/W5ASP and Dale/KG5U will be signing ZF1A from Grand Cayman Island (NA-016, WLOTA LH-1042) during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th), as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via W5ASP, direct or bureau or LoTW. [Tnx NG3K]

17/07/2007: Page, WA3EOP/p will be QRV July 18th from Conanicut Island (NA-031, USi RI-007S, Newport county), Rhode Island and Beavertail Lighthouse (ARLHS USA-048, WW Loc. FN41HK) much of the afternoon and evening. Expected frequencies are 14.266, 14.332, 7.178 and 3.902 MHz. The QSL will picture the Lighthouse. (Before and during the Century Club nets on 40 and 75m). Additional Op Al KZ3AB at 1900z. [Tnx USi]

27/10/2007: Operators Harry/AC8G, Ed/K1EP, Wayne/K8LEE, Brian/KA7KUZ, Janet/W8CAA, Joe/W8GEX Harry/W8KKF, Ron/WA8LOW and Don/WC4D will be QRV as J3A from the island of Grenada (NA-024, WLOTA LH-0718) during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th), as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via WA1S. [Tnx NG3K]

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LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVATIONS

to 30/03 HH4/K4QD: Haiti Island WLOTA:0343 QSL K4QD (d/LoTW)
31/03-09/04 K3TRM/6Y5: Jamaica Island WLOTA:0214 QSL H/C (d/b)
01/04-13/04 J68WI: St. Lucia Island WLOTA:0718 QSL WB5ZAM (d/b)

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SPECIAL EVENTS

30/03/2007: The Council of Europe Radio Club (TP2CE) will be active on SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK from 0800z March 30th until 1000z April 1st. QSL via the information at QRZ.com. [Tnx 425 DX News]

01/04/2007: In commemoration of the beginning of the 4th International Polar Year, Fran?ois F8DVD will be active with the special call TM4IPY from April 1-14th. Activity will be on all bands, phone and CW. Special QSL will be OK via bureau or direct (Fran?ois Bergez, 6 rue de la Libert?, F-71000 Macon, France) with I new IRC or 1 USD for Europe, 2 USD outside Europe. TM4IPY will be referenced as WAP-84. [Tnx F5NQL]

01/04/2007: Special Event Station OX60AD will be aired April 1-30th to commerate the 60th Birthday of the US Air Force and the 56 anniversay of the Defence Treaty between the U.S. and Denmark for the Protection of Greenland (IOTA NA-018, LH-0072). Look for activity on 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via OX3UR. [Tnx F5NQL]

01/04/2007: Special event station 8J1DC will be aired between April 1-31st to celebrate the Chiba Destination Campaign (A tourism campaign conducted by the six Japan Railway companies across Japan, and Chiba Prefecture, which promotes Chiba with various services and special events). QSL via the JARL Bureau. [Tnx JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/04/2007: Special event station 8N0NGT will be aired April 1st to June 10th to celebrate Niigata-city's upgrade to a cabinet-order designated city. QSL via the JARL bureau. [Tnx JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/04/2007: Look for special event station 8N3HAM to be aired between April 1st and May 27th to celebrate the 12th Kansai Amateur Radio Festival in Ikeda City, Osaka, Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. Web page at: www.jarl.gr.jp/kanham/ [Tnx JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/04/2007: Special event station 8N3IAAF will be aired April 1st to September 9th to celebrate the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics Osaka 2007 (IAAF: International Association of Athletics Federations). QSL via the JARL bureau. [Tnx JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

06/04/2007: John/M0XIG and John/G4POF will air special event station GB2BST being held at Bramshaw in the New Forest between April 6-9th and commemorates the fact that it is 200 years since the shutter telegraph first operated at this site. During the Napoleonic wars the Bramshaw Shutter Telegraph was one of a number that operated as a communication link for the Admiralty between London and Plymouth. There was already a system in place between London and Portsmouth and in 1805 this line was started to connect with Plymouth. The exact date of when the work as completed isn't known, but is believed to be soon after 4th May 1806, as there is a report on this date stating the line was almost ready. The original site of the Telegraph Station is believed to be very close to Hope Cottage on Telegraph Hill. Telegraph Hill is one of the highest points of the forest and is a fine open site with excellent views to the west. There is more information on the shutter telegraph at the Royal Signals Museum in Blandford. The Grid Locator for this station is IO90DW, ITU Zone:27 and CQ Zone:14. QSL via M0XIG, direct (please enclose a SASE or return postage costs in the form of IRC or green stamp) or by the bureau. [Tnx www.qrz.com/gb2bst]

06/04/2007: Special event call sign GB2FIC will be aired April 6th to May 3rd from the Bridge Wireless Office, HMS Belfast (GB2RN) to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Falkland Islands Conflict and to remember those who lost their lives. QSL via the RSGB bureau only. A special QSL card will be printed to confirm all contacts. [Tnx RNARS]

Be sure to check the U.S.A. special event station listing at
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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U.S. COUNTIES (USA-CA)

30/03/2007: Bill, K2HVN/m will activate the following counties between March 30th and April 1st, CW and SSB - March 30: VERMONT- Calendonia, Washington, Lamoille, Chittendon, Franklin and Grand Isle; NEW YORK - Clinton. March 31: NEW YORK - Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton and then reverse order back to Clinton. April 1: NEW YORK - Clinton; VERMONT- Grand Isle, Franklin (maybe),Chittendon, Lamoille(maybe), Washington and Caledonia. If there is time he will run the county line of Essex and Caledonia, Vermont. Send email requests to jansens1 -at- verizon.net. QSL via home call. [Tnx County Hunter Web]

31/03/2007: Ron, NI5W/m will continue his Oklahoma Centennial Run from March 31st to April 1st. He will start 20m SSB, and will move to 20m CW, then 40 SSB/CW as requested. Ron has seen alot needing Pontotoc. He will be in the following counties in this order on Saturday, March 31st: QRV about 1400z, Cotton/Jefferson, Carter/Love, Marshall/Johnston, Garvin/Pontotoc and Murray. Pottawatomie if time. Sunday, April 1st, QRV in the afternoon, starting 1800z from Comanche/Stephens, Tillman/Kiowa, Greer/Harmon and Jackson. QSL via home call. Send email requests to ni5w -at- arrl.net [Tnx County Hunter Web]
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JOTA - AROUND THE WORLD IN 50 HOURS -
The Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) is an annual event in which about 500,000 Scouts and Guides all over the world make contacts with each other by means of amateur radio. This year's JOTA will have a theme: travel around the globe in 50 hours. The 50th JOTA will run from 19 October 22:00 h local time to 21 October 24:00 h local time. An official start will be given by the World Scout Bureau radio station in Geneva on 19 October at 21:00 h GMT with a transmission in the 20 and 80 m band and on Echolink. For full details see: www.scout.org/en/information_events/events/jota/50th_jota_2007 [Tnx UBA HF News]

INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY -
International Marconi Day will take place on Saturday 28 April this year. Although the event is not a contest, participants can qualify for award certificates by contacting special stations. These stations must operate on or close to a site where Guglielmo Marconi carried out experiments or where Marconi equipment was used prior to his death in 1937. Full details of the stations may be found at www.gb4imd.org.uk/ [Tnx UBA HF News]
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Home of ICPO: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
Contest Calendar - DX Calendar - Lighthouse Activations
Join ICPO e-Group: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/icpo_mail.html
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Canadian Checkpoint For:
All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG
The World Light House Diplom - TWLHD
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